



MERLOT Basics: Becoming A MERLOT Member & Exploring the MERLOT Library

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Agenda

- Signing up as a MERLOT Member
- Expanding your profile
- Exploring existing collections
- Defining your “persona” for your focus
- Adding Materials to the MERLOT Collection

Learning How To Use MERLOT

MERLOT Community

- Becoming a member
- Connecting to others
- Deciding on the “persona” that you want to serve.
- WHO do you want to help educate?

MERLOT Collection

- Exploring the collection –
 - Understanding the taxonomy of disciplines
 - Understanding the types of materials
- Becoming a librarian 😊
 - Finding relevant materials online
 - Cataloging materials to build your collections
 - Commenting and curating your collections

Examples

- **Students interested in cancer research and wanting to understand the different types of cancer. What resources could be good materials to start learning?**
 - Find good descriptions of different cancers and what distinguishes one another.
- **Someone in a rural community in a developing country who sees a family member that is ill. How can they decide if it might be cancer?**
 - Find materials about basic biology and symptoms of cancer.
- **A pediatric nurse who was just reassigned to children's cancer unit and needs to educate the parents of children with cancer.**
 - Find basic educational resources about cancer and cancer treatments

Your Website for MERLOT Services:

<https://www.merlot.org/merlot/viewSite.htm?id=9166760>

Activities

Become A MERLOT Member

- Don't use your real name for now
- Don't choose to make your email public
- Expand your member profile

Becoming Familiar with MERLOT

- Use the SmartSearch to find materials you are interested in and learn from them
- Decide on what topic area(s) are most important to you AND who else?
- Define the focal persona

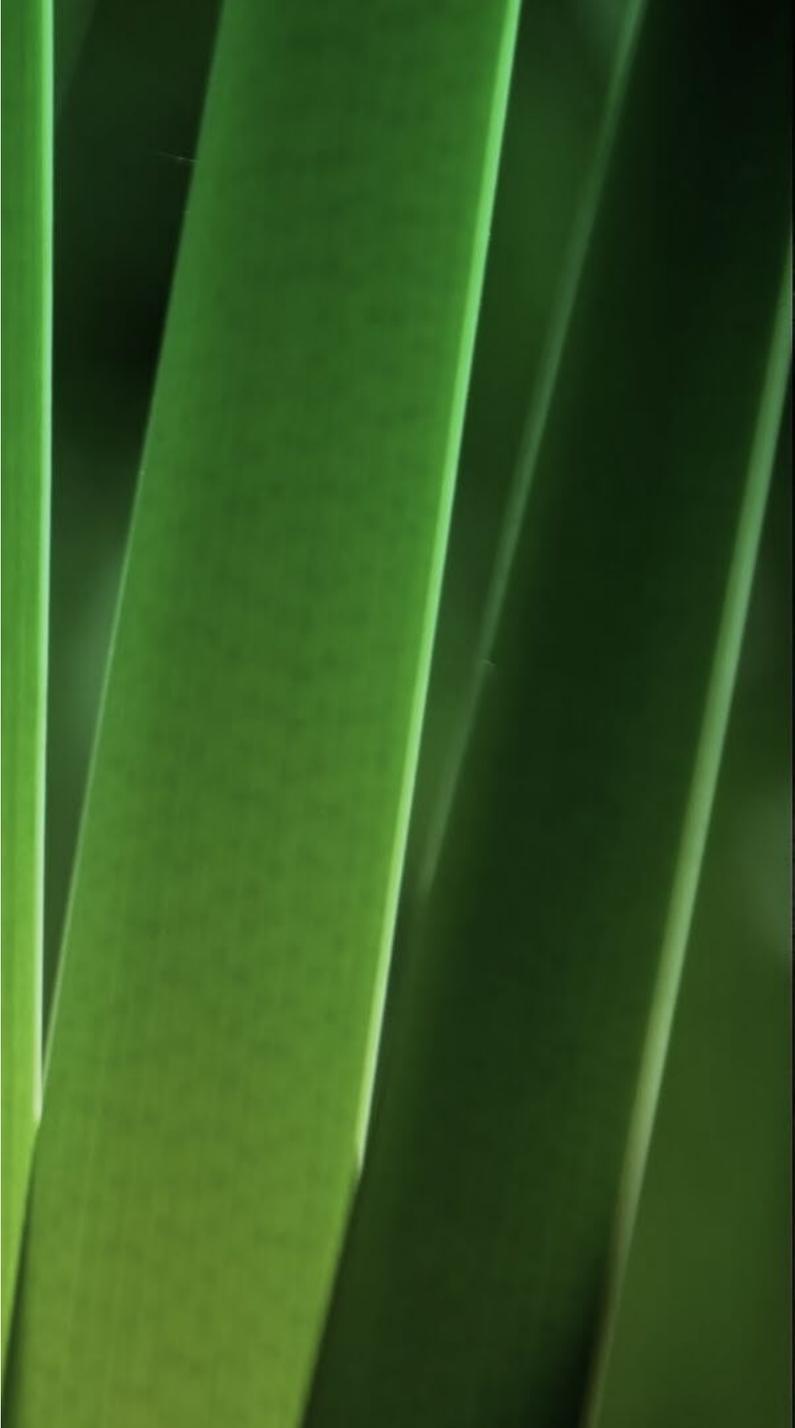
Let's Practice Now

- Register as a MERLOT Member
- Go back to your member profile and add something



Ask questions!

All things are difficult until they becomes easy...



Thank you

Questions?
Comments?